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Title BROWN BROTHERS & COMPANY

Approximate inclusive dates 1825-1889; bulk 1830s-1870s

Date of receipt February 1936

Received from Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.

Volume on arrival 176 volumes

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 176 volumes (42 linear feet)

Condition Good

Restrictions None

Description Alexander Brown (1764-1834) emigrated from Ireland to Baltimore in 1800 and opened a dry goods business with which his four sons became associated. One son, John (1788-1872), opened a branch in Philadelphia in 1818 and expanded the business to include foreign exchange transactions. Another son, James (1791-1877), recognizing the importance of New York City as a commercial center, established Brown Brothers & Co. there in 1825 and eventually absorbed the other branches. In addition, Brown Brothers & Co. was associated with the English firm of Brown, Shipley & Co. which was run by another brother, William Brown (1784-1864). In the early 1830s James Brown sold the dry goods portion of the company and concentrated on banking and trade. Thereafter, Brown Brothers & Co. became one of the most successful American banking houses. A 1930 merger created the present firm of Brown Brothers Harriman & Company.

With a few exceptions this collection covers the years that James Brown was a partner, 1825-1877. Of the 176 volumes of accounting records, the most important are the Journals (vols. #42-55) and the Ledgers (vols. #56-85, 32). The Journals (1828-1853) provide a chronological account of the firm's transactions, while the Ledgers (1825-1880) are broken down into individual accounts. There are also ledgers for special transactions--local agencies (vols. #15-24), Collateral (vols. #26-27), Gold (vols. #33-36), Private Accounts (vols. #91-97), Securities and Stocks (vols. #106, 116-120), and Travellers Credits (vols. #121-122). There are also 45 volumes of Journals for Brown, Shipley & Co. (vols. #132-176) for the years 1837-1880. The remaining records are usually of a specific nature and a limited time period. Important ones are letter books, consignments, custom house entries, sales, and accounts of the New Orleans and Havana offices. Many of the volumes are indexed (particularly the ledgers), and the following have indexes of personal names--Private Accounts, Statements, Letters, Travellers Credits, and Stocks.

Special Formats Photographs Maps Audio Tapes Films Graphics
 Artifacts Machine-readable records
 Other (list) _____

Temporary catalog card added entries Account books--1825-1889; Banks and banking; Brown, Shipley & Company; Business enterprises; Great Britain--Commerce; Louisiana--New Orleans--Commerce; New York (City)--Commerce

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BUSINESS RECORDS OF BROWN BROS. & CO.
 (now Brown Bros., Harriman & Co., 59 Wall Street.)
 Including Brown, Shipley & Co. of London
 Deposited with The New York Public Library in 1936

VOLUME	TITLE	DATES	REMARKS
1	ACCEPTANCES	1832-1834	
2		1849-1852	1835-48 lacking
3		1852-1854	
4		1853-1859	
5		1854-1856	
6		1854-1857	
7		1856-1857	
8		1857-1858	
9		1859-1860	
10		1860-1861	
11		1861-1864	
12		1863-1864	
13		1866	1865 lacking
14		1871-1872	1867-70 lacking
15	AGENCIES LEDGER No. 1	1853-1859	
16	No. 2	1859-1865	
17	No. 3	1866-1870	
18	No. 4	1871-1875	
19	No. 5	1875-1880	

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VOLUME	TITLE	DATES	REMARKS
20	AGENCIES STERLING ACCOUNTS No.1	1865-1869	
21		No.2 1869-1871	
22		No.3 1871-1875	
23		No.4 1875-1879	
24	SOUTHERN AGENCIES BLOTTER No.2	1872-1875	No.1 lacking
25	CASH ACCOUNT No.4	1832-1833	No.1-3 lacking
26	COLLATERAL LEDGER No.5	1872-1878	No.1-4 lacking
27		No.6 1876-1881	
28	CONSIGNMENTS	1834	
29		1845-1851	1835-1844, 1852-1872 lacking
30	CONSIGNMENTS, PURCHASES, SHIPMENTS, INSURANCE	1873-1877	
31	CUSTOM HOUSE ENTRIES	1827-1833	
32	GENERAL LEDGER No.1	1880	
33	GENERAL LEDGER No.1 GOLD	1868-1871	
34		No.2 1872-1875	
35		No.3 1876-1878	
36	GOLD - CASH	1863-1864	
37	INSTRUCTIONS	1865-1866	
38	INVOICES	1828-1845	
39		1829-1833	
40		1833-1835	
41		1835-1842	
42	JOURNAL	1828-1829	
43		1829-1831	

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VOLUME	TITLE	DATES	REMARKS
44	JOURNAL (cont.)	1831-1833	
45		1833-1834	
46		1834-1835	
47		1834-1836	
48		1835-1836	
49		1836-1837	
50		1836-1837	
51		1837-1838	
52		1838	
53		1838-1839	
54		1845-1852	1840-1844 lacking
55		1851-1853	
56	LEDGER	A	1825-1829
57		B	1825-1832
58		C	1833-1837
59		D	1838-1840
60		E	1837-1840
61		F	1840-1843
62		F	1840-1843
63		G	1843-1846
64		G	1843-1846
65		H	1846-1849
66		H	1846-1849
67		I	1849-1853
68		I	1849-1853

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VOLUME	TITLE	DATES	REMARKS
69	LEDGER	J	1853-1856
70		K	1856-1859
71		L	1859-1861
72		M	1861-1863
73		N	1863-1865
74		O	1866
75		P	1867
76		Q	1868
77		R	1869
78		S	1870
79		T	1871
80		U	1872
81		V	1873
82		W	1874-1875
83		X	1876
84		Y	1877-1878
85		Z	1879
86	LETTERS TO THOMAS B. CURTIS		1855-1858
87	LETTERS TO BROWNS & BOWEN and Wm. H. GRAHAM		1856-1857
88	LETTERS (Various)		1858-1860
89			1859-1860
90	MERCHANDISE SALES and OTHER ACCOUNTS		1851-1858
91	PRIVATE ACCOUNTS	No.1	1864-1866
92		No.2	1866-1868
93		No.3	1869-1870

VOLUME	TITLE	DATES	REMARKS
94	PRIVATE ACCOUNTS	No.4	1871-1872
95		No.5	1873-1875
96		No.6	1876-1878
97		No.7	1879-1880
98	RECEIPTS & DELIVERIES, SHIPMENTS		1828-1829
99	SALES		1826-1827
100			1827-1830
101			1829-1833
102			1832-1835
103			1834-1835
104			1835-1836
105			1835-1838
106	SECURITIES		1859-1866
107	STATEMENTS		1825-1827
108			1827-1830
109			1830-1833
110			1833-1836
111			1836-1842
112			1842-1849
113			1842-1849
114			1863-1864 1850-1862 lacking
115	STERLING DRAFTS		1875-1877
116	STOCK LEDGER and DIVIDEND BOOK		1866-1867
117			1868-1869
118	STOCK LEDGER	No.1	1868-1873 Others lacking

VOLUME	TITLE	DATES	REMARKS
119	STOCK COLLECTION LEDGER No.1	1872-1884	
120		No.1 1873-1889	
121	TRAVELLERS CREDIT LEDGER No.1	1874-1878	
122		No.2 1879-1881	
123	BALANCE SHEET - REAL ESTATE VALUATIONS	1842-1852	
124	NEW ORLEANS OFFICE	1844-1846	
125		1845-1849	
126		1846-1848	
127		1849-1854	
128		1875-1879	1855-1874 lacking
129	HAVANA OFFICE	1861-1862	
130		1862	
131		1862	
132	B. S. & Co.	A 1837-1839	
133		B 1839-1841	
134		C 1841-1844	
135		D 1844-1845	
136		E 1845-1847	
137		F 1847-1848	
138		G 1848-1849	
139		H 1849-1850	
140		I 1850-1851	
141		J 1851-1852	
142		K 1852-1853	
143		M 1854-1855	L lacking

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VOLUME	TITLE	DATES	REMARKS
144	B. S. & Co.	N	1855-1856
145		O	1856-1857
146		Q	1858 P lacking
147		R	1859
148		T	1860 S lacking
149		U	1861
150		V	1861-1863
151		W	1863
152		X	1863
153	B. S. & Co.	1	1864
154		2	1864-1865
155		3	1865-1866
156		4	1866
157		5	1866-1867
158		6	1867-1868
159		7	1868
160		8	1868-1869
161		9	1869
162		10	1869-1870
163		11	1870
164		12	1870
165		13	1870-1871
166		14	1871
167		15	1871-1872
168		16	1872

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VOLUME	TITLE	DATES	REMARKS
169	B. S. & Co.	17	1872
170		18	1872-1873
171		19	1873-1874
172		20	1874-1875
173		21	1875-1876
174		22	1877
175		23	1877-1879
176		24	1879-1880

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